



DISTRICT 31-E

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THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS

My year as Vice District Governor is coming to a close and the time to step up to the next level is at hand. By the time you read this, **Lion Linda** and I will be in Boston, learning what it will take to lead a district that will lead the future.

This last year I have seen it all, from **Lion Gary Steele** playing a sailor in a stage musical, to the work of **Lions Andy and Andrew Darr** recycling aluminum cans to help the blind at Camp Dogwood. I have worked with Lions like **Lion Bob Cline** of Cleveland who held the position of Region and Zone Chairs at the same time. I was lucky enough to have good friends like **Lions Rachel and Jim Walker** working hard in the south end of the district. **Lion Jim Walker** won the election for 2nd VP of the North Carolina Lions Foundation. **Lion Ron Staley**, with his wife **Lion Sallie** by his side, is stepping up to President of NCLF. With the backing of lions like **Lion George Barrier** in the eastern part of the district helping us all along the way, we can all be proud of the leadership we have in 31-E.

VDG Lion Sydney, Cabinet Secretary **Lion Nancy Rummage** and I will have monthly meetings. This is to keep all of us on an even playing field, so we can keep you informed as to what is going on. If at any time you can not reach me, contact either one of them and they will bring your concerns to our monthly session.

If you want to blame anyone for the changes you will see during this year, it was people like **Lions George Ohm** and **Clarence Williford** that talked me into this starting a few years back. I really want to thank a fine Lion for helping me along the way by working with me to have the directory ready ahead of time. **Lion Dr. Jerry Bates** has come out of almost retirement, from his leadership role in our district, to bail me out at an important time. That time is preparing the directory to help with communication in our district. If you will notice, communication started this article and now it will end it, for that is what we need, COMMUNICATION!!!!

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBER

1. Ann Brownlee
2. Judy Maxwell
3. Carolyn Hubbard
4. Wynn Snider
5. Tonia Waddell
6. Chad Waddell
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- 8.

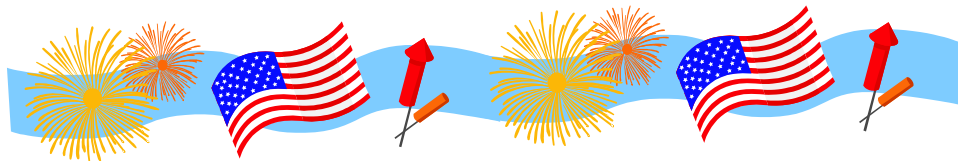
CLUB

- Churchland Lions
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SPONSORING LION

- Judy Ludwig
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I would like to see this area filled each and every month. It will take hard work by all of us but it can be done.



At the state convention it was my duty to read the list of Lions who passed away during the last year. That list read:

W.R Dobbs	Albemarle	Jean Solomon	Locust
Kenneth "Ken" Berry	Churchland	Grady Tucker	Locust
Kathleen Owens	Churchland	R. E. Motsinger	Midway
Nick Jarrett	Cleveland	Howard Dehner	Monroe
Lester Saunders	Fair Grove	Clinton Black, PDG	Mt Pleasant
Jack Winecoff	Franklin Ellis	Helen Austin	Oakboro
Blair McCachren	Harrisburg	Archie Jordan	Pilot
Patricia Darr	Hasty	Frank Wilson	Pilot
John Leister	Indian Trail	Dr. Ted James, PCC	Salisbury
Robert "Mickey" Moore	Indian Trail	William Hartley	Southmont
William C. Sides	Jackson Park	Carroll Hefner	Thomasville
Howard Coble	Linwood	Robert "Bob" Holladay	Thomasville
Glen Almond	Locust	Billy Bullin	West Lexington

As hard as it was to read that list, it is now our job to find Lions who, after years of service, can fill these shoes. This will not be an easy task because anyone who knew these LIONS, knows that their hearts belonged to the Lions of North Carolina. Now comes the task at hand, don't be afraid to tell our story and get the word out. Last year at his visits, District Governor **Lion Dale** told us all to "Blow Your Horn". I have the same message. People will not join a community service group if they don't know what they stand for or what they do. Start today and let people know what you have done for the last, in some cases, FIFTY YEARS.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 26 – July 4	International Convention, Boston
Saturday, July 22 nd , 12:30 PM	Installation and Awards Banquet First Cabinet Meeting Bethel Baptist Church, Rockwell
August 1 st	Pay International Dues
Friday, August 11 th	NCLF Executive Committee Meeting & Council of Governors Caucus
Saturday, August 12 th , 6 PM	North Carolina Lions Foundation Awards & Installation Banquet Holiday Inn, Salisbury
Sunday, August 13 th	NCLF Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 23 rd	White Cane Kick-off Troutman's, Concord

District Governor Lion Morris will be scheduling official club visits starting in August. Please let Gov. Lion Morris know if you and another club would like to make your official visit a joint meeting.

POINTS SHEET CHANGES

You will see some interesting changes this year. The old statement, “If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always get what you’ve always got.” Since I believe people in our district want to grow and improve, you will see some changes. The 2006/2007 District Directories will be ready for distribution at the July 22nd Installation and Awards Banquet, so that each club will have the information needed to get a good start on the Lion’s year. Each club is encouraged to have at least one member at the banquet or at the cabinet meeting which will follow the awards ceremony. Communication is the key to keeping things running smoothly.

When you get your directory, check the points sheets to see what changes have been implemented. Some changes were received too late to incorporate in this year’s points sheet but will be forwarded to our Vice District Governor, Lion Sydney Eudy, for future consideration. Since we have all heard of transitional districting over and over, we need to understand that Lions International is a business and has to be run like one. We hear the number 1250 members per district because that is the number required to control the costs of the governor visits etc. over the year. 5,000 bonus points have been added to the Points Sheet for any club that attends a joint meeting during my official visit and still another 1250 for the club that hosts that meeting. It takes care of several things: It shows International that we are trying to hold down expenses and gives me the time needed to get new clubs started in District 31E. It also shows that we are a district that can work together and accomplish a lot. It doesn’t mean that any meeting is not important but that we can accomplish more in a shorter period if we work together.



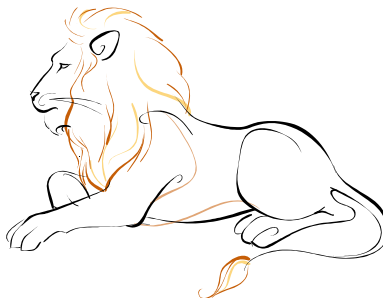
GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT

At the **Harrisburg Lions Den**, Lion Linda and I were able to see what Lionism is first hand. We saw Lion Sydney and her loyal husband, **Lion Roger**, hold a signup fish fry for the VIP'S fishing tournament. She asked us to attend but who can just sit back and watch something like that. We enjoyed the food and chance to help prepare the meal for those fine people. We watch a granddaughter sign up VIP'S for the fishing tournament, an enjoyable time for the VIP's and the Lions, who make it all possible.

Lion Sydney was brought up to know all about Lionism before she knew what life was all about. **Lion Henry Pierce PDG**, Sydney's father, was a building block for the **Harrisburg Club** and **Lion Mary**, Sydney's step-mother, is still a strong and active member of the **Harrisburg Lion Club**. Every time their club attends a VAVS bingo party at the Hefner VA Hospital in Salisbury, **Lion Mary** is there and handles the food part of the evening with great pride.

HATS OFF TO THE HARRISBURG LIONS
& VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION SYDNEY EUDY FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

Future District 31E Newsletters will feature a Lions Club and its' members. Who knows, next month it could be you and your club in the Governor's Spotlight. Be sure to watch for this feature each month. Let the District Governor know what your club does.



‘To the whole world you are one person; to one person you are the whole world’.

Author unknown

CAMPAIGN SIGHT FIRST II

In 1990 the first Campaign Sight First began. The Campaign was and continues to be an overwhelming success, with the objective of preserving sight, wherever preventable blindness exists. Sight First money is being well used for prevention of river blindness, trachoma and to provide cataract surgeries in third world countries. Because of Sight First's funds are dwindling and if we do nothing to continue the program, world blindness could double by 2020, the International Association of Lions Clubs has initiated Sight First II to continue with this important work.

Campaign Sight First II is an opportunity for each Lions Club around the world to participate in saving sight. Campaign Sight First II State Chairperson Lion Harvey Whitley will be traveling across North Carolina to promote the program and District 31E Campaign Sight First II coordinator Lion David Smoot along with group coordinators Lions George Barrier, Laraine Dupree and Gordon McAdams will be giving programs to our Lions Clubs.

Lions Clubs International Foundation and Campaign Sight First II request that individual Lions, as well as Lions Clubs make pledges to supply this money, which can be fulfilled over a three year period. The Council of Governors and North Carolina Lions Foundation want it understood that Campaign Sight First II is not meant to divert money from White Cane contributions but is a project in addition to White Cane. Funds collected for Sight First II can be designated for a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The Council of Governors suggests putting a quarter a day in a jar for a year. At the end of a year, this would be \$91.25 per lion. Even if there were only eleven members in a club, there would be enough to award a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Your club might want to have a special fund raiser for Campaign Sight First II; it's up to each club to decide how to participate.

Plan a program as soon as possible.

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**DISTRICT 31-E
INSTALLATION AND AWARDS BANQUET
FIRST CABINET MEETING
2006-2007**

Date: Saturday, July 22, 2006
Time: 12:30 PM
Place: Bethel Baptist Church
401 Depot Street
Rockwell, NC
Cost: \$9.00 per person
Make check payable to: Lions District 31E

Please send reservation by July 15, 2006
to Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
Lion Nancy Rummage
340 Spring Lake Lane
Gold Hill, NC 28071

Dinner cost will be \$11.00 each for reservations after July 15th

Number attending:_____ Amount enclosed_____

Lion_____

Lion_____

Guest:_____

Guest:_____

Directions: Highway #52 to Rockwell, .02 miles west on Depot Street

Installation and Awards Banquet will be followed by First District Cabinet Meeting.

North Carolina Lions Foundation Awards and Installation Banquet Registration Form

Name _____

Name _____

_____ Meals @ \$18.00 Total _____

Mail To: North Carolina Lions Foundation
PO Box 39
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

Must be received no later than August 7, 2006

Holiday Inn, Salisbury
August 12, 2006
6:00 PM

A block of rooms are being held at the rate of \$69.99 per night plus tax until July 15, 2006. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel at 704-637-3100.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Due date for reports: Postmarked by 3rd of each month

Addresses can be found in the District Directory

The **Point sheet** can be filed by e-mail

copies to: (*keep a copy*)

District Governor

Vice District Governor

Region Chairperson

Zone Chairperson

Membership report is on the International Web site

www.lionsclubs.org

Copy to District Governor, keep a copy for your files

(contact Lions International for a paper copy, if needed)

- Return Installation and Awards Banquet reservation form by July 15, 2006
- Attend 1st Cabinet meeting July 22th and pick up District 31E Directory
- Notify District Governor of **future club activities** for inclusion in District Newsletter.
- Return NCLF Awards and Installation Banquet Registration form by August 7th

If your club has a **Newsletter**,

send copies to:

Dist. Gov., Vice Dist. Gov.,

Region and Zone Chairpersons

Bulletins Chairperson

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